

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested. The amendment is not filed in response to any Office Action, but is being filed at the request of the examiner in order to expedite prosecution of the application by complying with the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals.

Claims 1-61 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1-10, 14-26, 29, 31-38 and 41-43 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 11-13, 27, 28, 30, 39, 40 and 44-61 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 11-13, 27, 28, 30, 39 and 40 are allowed. Claims 45, 46, 50, 51, 53 and 57-61 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. By the foregoing amendment, claims 50, 53 and 57-59 have been rewritten in independent form. It may now be seen that these claims and their dependents are in allowable form. The limitations of claim 45 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter) have been incorporated into independent claim 44. Thus, independent claim 44 and its dependents are in allowable form.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 11-13, 27, 28, 30, 39, 40 and 44-61 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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